## RESOLUTION NO. 13-698

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., is hosting its Second Annual Scholarship Gala to be held in the Boone-Lacey Fellowship Hall, Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on September 26, 2013. The theme for the Gala is "Integrating Educational Practices through STEM;" and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carolyn R. Battle, a native of Huntsville, Alabama, and a retired history teacher of the Limestone County Public School System, provided 30 years of dedicated service to the education profession. She earned the Bachelor of Science degree from Alabama A&M University in 1962, with a major in Business Education and minor in Social Studies; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in the education profession, Mrs. Battle was a motivated and high-energy teacher who instilled in her students the value of setting goals and hard work. She was sensitive to the needs of each student and designed lesson plans to meet their individual needs. Her goal was to develop well-rounded and productive students; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Battle has been an active volunteer in the community, using her talents and skills to help others. She developed the Councill Court Public Housing "Slavery and Black History Project," and she tutored students at the Dr. Richard Showers Community Center and Councill Court Public Housing. At Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, she is a faithful and dedicated member and participates in the following ministries: Mother Ministry, Deaconess, Matrons and Senior Adult Ministry. She is a Sunday school teacher and has taught Sunday school for more than 25 years. Other church involvement includes former board member of the Child Development Center; former board member, Union Chapel Christian Academy; tutor and After School Tutorial Program. During her tenure as a member of the board of directors of Union Chapel's Child Development Center and Christian Academy, Mrs. Battle worked tirelessly as a volunteer to ensure that quality child care and educational programs were implemented. She attended a week-long orientation on the A-Beka curriculum in Pensacola, Florida. After the intense orientation, Mrs. Battle recommended the A-Beka curriculum be used at the Child Development Center and the Christian Academy. She is a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. As a member of the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, she participates in the following committees: Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) and Math and Science; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of her service in the educational profession and to the community, she has received countless awards and honors. Some include: Certificate of Recognition, Alabama A&M University's 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Celebration, Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church; Certificate of Recognition, First African-American Female Creator; Councill Court Public Housing - "Slavery and Black History Project"; Union Chapel Christian Academy; Limestone County History Teacher of the Year; Certificate of Appreciation, Advice and Support, East Limestone High School; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Battle and her husband, William, are the parents of two academically astute and professional daughters, Carron and Carmen; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Directors of the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., congratulate Mrs. Carolyn R. Battle as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., on their Second Annual Scholarship Gala and extend best wishes for continued success.

**ADOPTED** on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama